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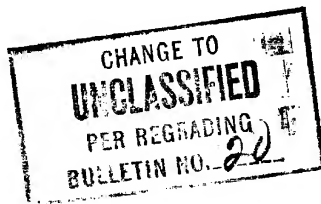
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SUMMARY

Shortcomings in Party activities, from minor deviations to what is termed anti-Party tendencies, are aired over the radio and in the press with increasing frequency as the 19th Party Congress is drawing nearer. Much of the criticism heard on the regional transmitters centers on Party personnel problems. Nepotism, high-handed administration and a great deal of intraparty corruption in general could be eliminated, it is claimed, if the authorities were a bit more fastidious in their selection of new executives. Too many people of dubious political loyalty, on the one hand, and of uncertain executive ability, on the other, are said to be found in leading Party positions. Frequently reiterated in this connection is the official definition of what a "well rounded" Party or Soviet official should be: a person combining political merits and administrative talent. Neither one of these qualifications alone will do. Vigorous criticism of Party discipline violations is aimed at high Communist officials who "erroneously believe" (oshibochno schitayut) themselves exempt from the restrictions applying to the rank-and-file membership.

Moldavian SSR, according to PRAVDA material, does not keep in ideological step with the rest of the country. Literary criticism and history writing are on the wrong track, and will need a thorough overhauling. Idealization of the past and un-Soviet interpretation of the recent past are listed as the two cardinal sins. The Ukrainian Institute of Literature is called to account for insufficient vigilance against the reappearance of favorable reference to bourgeois-nationalists in some of its publications.

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